for consideration for appointment on compassionate ground is award below 18 years, he can apply for a job as soon as he attains the age ot 18 years.

Voluntary Retirement Scheme

2466. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be plea sed to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Voluntary Retirement Scheme for Central Government Em. ployees which would be similar to the scheme already operating at the Stee] Authority of lndia Ltd., (SAIL); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PEN. SIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) No decision has been taken by the Government to introduce Voluntary Retirement Scheme for Central Govt. Employees on the lines of the Scheme operating in the Steel Authority of India (SAIL).

Freezing the promotions of employees

2467. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have talc-en any decision to freeze the promotions in various departments; and

(b) the number of employees/officers to be affected by this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PEN. SIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Government have not issued any general orders freezing promotions in various De. partments.

Recognition of Association in Central Government Departments

2468. SHRl ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINIS TER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2212 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 1991 and state:

(a) WSether Department of Personnel had issued any office order not to recognise any service Association in Central Government Departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government to restore the fundamental right of employees for getting their Associations recognised in Central Government Departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The respective Ministries/Departments take a decision on merits when a proposal is re-ceived for recognition of any new Association.

(d) There is no restriction on formation of Associations/Unions of employees as permissible under the Constitution of India.

2469. *[Transferred to the* 18tfe *March,* 1992].

Reservations in Civil Services

2470. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the notification issued recently about the reservations in Civil Services;

(b) whether the notification is in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and the judgments of the Supreme Court delivered from time to time; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to have reservation for the children of retiring Government Servants?